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Committee Bill No. 5689

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:
(HS)

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ADMINISTRATION OF SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-26 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 (a) The Department of Social Services shall act as the single state
4 agency to coordinate, plan and publish annually the state social
5 services plan for the implementation of social services block grants and
6 community services block grants as required by federal law and
7 regulation. Said department shall furnish copies of said plan to the
8 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
9 of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies
10 and human services, at least sixty days prior to publication, for their
11 review and recommendations, and shall consult with and furnish to
12 said committees any additional information on such plan which they
13 may request.

14 (b) The Department of Social Services shall provide for the
15 development of all mandated outreach programs in accordance with

16 any mandate of the federal government as required by federal law and
 17 regulation for the implementation of social services block grants and
 18 community services block grants.

19 (c) Prior to the disbursement of any block grant funds received by
 20 the department in accordance with subsection (a) of this section, the
 21 Commissioner of Social Services shall provide a right of first refusal to
 22 a municipality that seeks to administer a social services program that
 23 benefits the residents of such municipality and is funded, in whole or
 24 in part, by block grant funds received by the department in accordance
 25 with subsection (a) of this section.

26 [(c)] (d) The Department of Social Services shall, on or before
 27 December fifteenth, annually, report to the Governor and said joint
 28 standing committees with regard to the activity of the department in
 29 the implementation of social services block grants and community
 30 services block grants, including but not limited to, fiscal data on
 31 expenditures of state and federal funds thereunder, and any
 32 recommendations for needed program legislation to insure the receipt
 33 of all federal funds available to the state from such grants.

34 [(d)] (e) Any organization receiving block grants pursuant to this
 35 section shall be subject to the provisions of section 17b-99.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2005	17b-26

Statement of Purpose:

To improve the administration and delivery of social service programs funded through block grants to the Department of Social Services by providing towns and municipalities with a right of first refusal to administer such programs within their community.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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